(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of films and the programmes to help the ailing film industry?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Public screening of this year's award winning films, also referred to as National Films Festival, has been held from 25th April to 4th May, 2001.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) According to a recent study commissioned by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), the film industry is growing rapidly. The Government has taken a number of measures which help improve the quality of films, such as setting up of training institutions for film making, film awards, participation in film festivals and allowing imports of modern cinematographic equipment.

Video piracy

82. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Video piracy is ruining the film industry in the country as the Cable Operators show the latest released films almost next day of their release clandestinely;

(b) the number of cases of such piracy detected by Government during the last two years, year-wise and action taken against pirates during the same period; and

(c) whether Government propose to deal with this menace strongly to save the film industry?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the threat of Video Piracy to the film industry. The responsibility for enforcing the Copyright Act, 1957 rests with the Police Authorities under the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Act has been amended to bring it in consonance with the developments in modern technology and making its penal provisions more stringent. On 8th September 2000, the Cable Television Networks (Regulations) Rules were also amended

with a view to check video piracy. The Government has by this amendment *inter alia* prohibited cable operators through out the country from carrying or including in his cable service any programme in respect of which copyright subsists under the Copyright Act unless he has been granted a license by owners of copyright under the Copyright Act in respect of such programme. The amendment has specially been brought to the notice of all State Governments. In case of violation of the provisions of the Cable Act & Rules, action is to be taken by the authorized officers *i.e.* DMs/ SDMs/Commissioners of Police and such officers as may be notified by the State/Central Government.

The Central Government does not maintain any statistics regarding the number of cases of piracy detected.

Proposals for setting up of Radio Stations and Doordarshan Centres

83. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals pending, at present, for setting up of Radio Stations and Doordarshan Centres in different parts of the country, particularly in Rajasthan, State-wise/location-wise/District-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to expedite the implementation of such projects in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati does not maintain State-wise/location-wise/District-wise list of pending proposals for setting up of Doordarshan Kendras/AIR Stations in the country. Requests for setting up of new AIR/Doordarshan Stations are received from time to time by Prasar Bharati and these are taken into consideration while formulating Five Year/Annual Plans, subject to availability of resources and infrastructural facilities.

(b) Regular monitoring of all projects in AIR and Doordarshan Network is carried out by Prasar Bharati at the Zonal and Headquarter levels and remedial measures, as necessary, are taken for completion of projects as per schedule.